

# December 2015 City Report



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Pete Buttigieg, Mayor



Greetings Employees,

Four years ago, this community gave me the chance to serve as mayor of South Bend in a campaign based on the idea that our city was ready for a fresh start. Sworn in on New Year's Day 2012, we immediately got to work delivering on that promise.

We transformed our approach to economic development, positioning South Bend to take advantage of a recovering economy by creating thousands of new jobs. We simplified customer service by establishing a 311 line that has handled over half a million resident calls and counting. We tackled 1,000 vacant and abandoned houses in fewer than 1,000 days. Perhaps most significantly, I had the privilege of standing with my five predecessors and thousands of fellow residents as we celebrated our City's 150th birthday in an inspiring show of civic pride that sent the simple and resonant message: South Bend is back.

As we prepare for a second term it is a moment of great opportunities, as well as substantial challenges. Initiatives and innovations years in the making continue to bear fruit and hold great promise for the future. But none of our gains can be considered fully secure, nor our potential realized, unless we continue to work with a sense of urgency.

We will work to finish what we started when it comes to addressing vacant properties, driving economic growth, and updating our street design to better promote safety and economic expansion. Meanwhile, we will seek to break new ground in updates to our parks and recreation system, support for local early childhood efforts, partnerships for public safety, and technological improvements to better serve residents.

We are already getting down to work—along with the nine Council members who will be sworn into office alongside me at the beginning of the year—to prepare a second term that will continue South Bend's remarkable comeback.

We will continue helping to grow South Bend as a truly open, connected community where everyone can thrive.

I wish everyone a joyous holiday season and a happy and productive 2016.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Pete



**Daddy Daughter Dance-Tickets on Sale now!**

Cinderella's Ball

Purchase your tickets online or by phone #574-299-4765



## NOVEMBER 2015 Citywide Anniversaries

<b>35 Years</b>	<b>1980</b>	
Fred Eyster		Police Dept
<b>25 Years</b>	<b>1990</b>	
Eric Crittendon		Police Dept
<b>20 Years</b>	<b>1995</b>	
Anthony Ross		Police Dept
<b>10 Years</b>	<b>2005</b>	
Robert Brennan		Street Dept
Jack Ladonski		Street Dept
<b>5 Years</b>	<b>2010</b>	
Neal Emerick		Wastewater
Michael Carey		Engineering
Roberto Cruz		Fire Dept
John Davis		Fire Dept
Samuel Ellinger		Fire Dept
Eric Griffin		Fire Dept
Jonathon Kirsits		Fire Dept
Christopher Manzuk		Fire Dept
Scott Mellen		Fire Dept
Benjamin Norton		Fire Dept
Michael Olson		Fire Dept
Justin Riehm		Fire Dept
Ryan Takacs		Fire Dept
Kyle Wyszynski		Fire Dept

## DECEMBER 2015 Citywide Anniversaries

<b>40 Years</b>	<b>1975</b>	
Terry Young		Police Dept
Ronald Glon		Police Dept
<b>35 Years</b>	<b>1980</b>	
William Lapkiewicz		Wastewater
<b>15 Years</b>	<b>2000</b>	
John Ranschaert		Street
Anthony Brazier		Street
Christopher Houser		Police Dept
David Johnson		Police Dept
James Burns		Police Dept
<b>5 Years</b>	<b>2010</b>	
Brandon Martin		Police Dept
Stephen Harmon		Fire Dept

S U N D A Y  
11/15/2015

I got a peek at the 74' Christmas tree traveling from Alaska to Washington, D.C.. I was able to write a greeting with my signature on the vinyl that the tree was wrapped in. You could not see the entire tree but a portion through the glass was lit up. A lot of folks were downtown enjoying the view and holiday spirit.

### DC Bound



### Change of Pace October 2015

**John Martinez** ..... Park Department from Superintendent IV to  
..... Maintenance Superintendent  
**Scott Ruszkowski** ..... Police Department from Uniform Division Chief to  
..... Police Chief  
**Jeffrey Rynearson** ..... Police Department from Captain to Uniform Division Chief

### Welcome

October 2015

**Jonathan Czernisz** ..... Water Works  
**Bryan Hauteman** ..... Wastewater  
**Michael McGee** ..... Solid Waste  
**Roger Oakley** ..... Wastewater

### Retirements

October 2015

**Cynthia Kilgore** ..... Police Department (31 yrs 3 mos dedicated service)  
**Lee D. Ross** ..... Police Department (26 yrs 6 mos dedicated service)





Chris Nesbitt worked as a Fiscal Officer for the Department of Community Investment for 22 years. She left in early August to re-join private sector accounting. Because the Mayor wasn't available for her going away party, Chris came back to visit and receive a key to the City from the Mayor on October 30<sup>th</sup>. She is missed by all who worked with her, but we are happy the new job seems to be going well!



In honor of this year's Veterans Day, Veteran Firefighters and Retirees enjoyed breakfast served at the Firefighter's Union Hall. Thank you Mayor Pete for attending! Thank you all for your past, present and future service!

We extend our sympathy to **Michael Vida (Organic Resources)** and family, in the loss of his father, Frank Vida Jr., of New Carlisle, at the age of 82. Frank Vida Jr., is also **Brian Rowe (Central Services)**, father in law.

Friday November 6<sup>th</sup>

Hayride!

There were 94 people who came out to Bendix Woods and enjoyed the first Winter Family Passport to Play. There were three wagon rides around the park and every family made a placemat that was laminated, showing what they were thankful for. We all enjoyed s'mores and hot chocolate provided by Martin's Supermarkets. The next Passport Event will be at the Howard Park Ice Rink on Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup> from 6 - 7:30 p.m.



#### Potawatomi Zoo Winter Days

Date: Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> - Hours: 12:00-3:00 PM  
Admission: \$5.50 per person; Children 2 & under are Free;  
Potawatomi Zoo Members are Free



Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup>

Dance Class Recitals

Around 200 family members came to the O'Brien Recreation Center and watched eight different performances by the 50 children in the ballet and jazz/funk dance classes held at the center. If you want to get your child in the next round of classes; registration runs January 4<sup>th</sup>-January 15<sup>th</sup>.



ONE MORE THING, at SB Park and Rec

December 21-23 or December 28-30

Monday thru Wednesday

Mini Dance Camp

Your child must be in kindergarten to participate in either of the 3 day camps.

They are both themed and run from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.





# Winter Activities

## Happy Holiday



**Dec 4 \* Tree Lighting**

**5PM**

**J.Hunt/Morris Perf. Arts Ctr**

As part of the last celebration for the City of South Bend's 150 birthday, after the Tree Lighting, head for Howard Park Ice Rink.

Mrs. Claus is handing out cookies from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the warming room. DTSB Business's will be open, ready and waiting for shoppers!

**Dec 5 \* Breakfast with Santa**

**8AM**

**Fiddler's Hearth**

**Dec 5 \* Tea with Santa**

**11AM**

**Tapastrie Restaurant**

**Dec 5 \* Pizza with Santa**

**12:30PM**

**Tapastrie Restaurant**



Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup>

Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

This is the 6<sup>th</sup> year that the Parks Department has honored the volunteers who help make us look better. There were volunteers from Press Ganey, Cub Scout Pack #110, Girl Scout Troop #30159, Northern Indiana Mountain Bike Association (NIMBA), Keller Park Garden Group, IUSB School of Education, and individuals representing the work done in 10 different city parks. Without volunteers we couldn't provide the quality programs and services that we strive to continue doing.



There were long lines of pet owners, all day long, October 4, 2015, at St. Adalberts' School. Many people waited for hours to get the opportunity for their free pet vaccinations. SBACC

Gratitude is a Health Booster  
Start Practicing Today!



**"The Paw Print" is your monthly source for all things animal welfare in South Bend, Indiana!**

**The Paw Print:** SBACC & CARE Monthly eNewsletter  
Sign up today

Cuddles/Rabbit/Age unknown

Nix/Female/5 months Cat



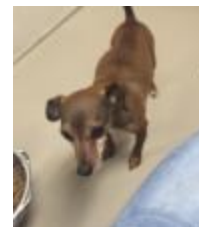
Mary Jane/Female/8 years Cat



Fonda/Female/2 years Dog



Capuchin/Male/7years Dog



**2015 REIGNDOG PRANCE**  
**HOLIDAY DOG WALK**  
**PET ADOPTIONS**

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 5**  
**FOUR WINDS FIELD**

**STICK AROUND FOR PET PICTURES WITH SANTA INSIDE FOUR WINDS FIELD!**

**FREE PET FUN! FAMILY FESTIVE! COSTUME CONTESTS!**

**LINE UP AT "THE CUB'S DEN" GIFT SHOP**  
**10:30 A.M. – WALK KICKS OFF AT 11:00**



Stray cats  
 Stray dogs  
 Stray Fishes  
 All are welcome...



Mrs. Claus 2014



Santa's Helpers 2014





### **SOUTH BEND FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES DONATION TO SAVE PETS FROM FIRE**

First Responders with SBFD are now some of the best-equipped in the nation to save a pet's life thanks to Invisible Fence of South Bend donating 21 pet oxygen mask kits to the department. This donation is a small part of Invisible Fence Brand's national "Project Breathe" program. Human beings are first priority but pets are just like family and lives can't be replaced, whether they're animals or people. Thousands of pets each year die in fires, most succumbing to smoke inhalation. The donation of these specially designed oxygen mask sets, presented by Terry Cegielski and Tom Bishop of Invisible Fence of South Bend and accepted by Assistant Chief Andrew Myer on behalf of SBFD, allows firefighters and EMS personnel to give oxygen to pets when they are rescued from fires and often save pets' lives.



### **LETTER OF COMMENDATION**

On October 22, Captain Darrell Eiler, SBFD, was off duty and driving through Boone County, Indiana and witnessed a car crash with a woman who was entrapped in a car that caught fire. The woman was injured and unable to extricate herself. Acting quickly and without regard for his personal safety, Capt. Eiler removed the woman with the assistance of an off-duty Rochester firefighter and another individual who was involved in the wreck. Capt. Eiler's actions directly led to this woman surviving the accident as reported by a letter from the Boone County Sheriff's Office. Here is a perfect example of everything happens for a reason...Capt. Eiler and his counterpart made a mistake and were on their way to a meeting that already happened the day before. "Wrong day, but right day for her," said Captain Eiler. Congratulations Captain Eiler...an angel on the road (full story on wndu.com).



### **SOUTH BEND FIRE DEPARTMENT RELAY CALENDAR 2016**

Come get your SBFD calendar before they are gone!

Calendars go on sale to the public Monday, November 30.

The cost is \$10 each (but feel free to donate more if you are able), **all proceeds from the sale of this calendar will be donated to the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life 2016.**

Thank you for your support! Calendars can be purchased at the following locations:

**South Bend Fire EMS Billing Office**  
1222 S Michigan St

**South Bend Firefighters Credit Union**  
1122 S Main St

**South Bend Firefighters Association Union Hall** (Tuesday, Closed on Mondays)  
4025 Lincoln Way West



### Hoosier Made: World Driven

The Studebaker National Museum is proud to announce the opening of *Hoosier Made: World Driven*, a new exhibit that will open November 20, 2015, and run through October 3, 2016. **This exhibit is an officially endorsed Legacy Project by the Indiana Bicentennial Commission.**

In honor of Indiana's upcoming Bicentennial, *Hoosier Made: World Driven* will look at the heyday of Indiana's automobile industry when some of the world's finest motorcars were built in the Hoosier state. The exhibit will be presented at Indiana's three leading transportation museums, each with its own special exhibit focus: The Studebaker National Museum will feature the "Brass Era" of the early 1900s; the Kokomo Automotive Museum in Kokomo will showcase the "Jazz Era" of the late 'teens and early 1920s; and the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum in Auburn will spotlight the 1930s "Classic Era."

The Studebaker National Museum will showcase vehicles and artifacts from the Brass Era (Pre-1915), featuring an Apperson Jackrabbit, a Marmon Speedster, a Pratt-Elkhart, and many more!

Visit all three museums for the price of two – get your passport (available at all three museums) stamped at two museums and get into the third museum for free. ***Hit the Highway to History . . . your next stop is only 100 miles away!***

The Studebaker National Museum is located at 201 So. Chapin St., just west of downtown South Bend. It is open Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm, and Sun. Noon-5pm. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6.50 for seniors over 60, and \$5 for youth ages 6-18. For more information, please call the Museum at (574) 235-9714 or toll free at (888) 391-5600 or visit our website at [www.studebakermuseum.org](http://www.studebakermuseum.org). For an additional cost, visitors can tour the exhibits and Oliver Mansion at The History Museum, which adjoins the Studebaker National Museum.





# The Morris



DATE	DAY	SHOW	PERFORMING ARTS CENTER ★ SOUTH BEND, IN	GENRE
12/3/15	Thursday	Sandy Hackett's Rat Pack Christmas		Broadway
12/19/15	Saturday	South Bend Symphony "Home for the Holidays"		Symphony
12/20/15	Sunday	South Bend Symphony "Home for the Holidays"		Symphony
12/22/15	Tuesday	Straight No Chaser		A Capella Concert
1/15/16	Friday	The Buddy Holly Story		Broadway
1/16/16	Saturday	The Buddy Holly Story		Broadway
1/16/16	Saturday	The Buddy Holly Story		Broadway
1/18/16	Monday	South Bend Symphony Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration		Symphony
1/21/16	Thursday	State Ballet "Romeo & Juliet"		Ballet
2/6/16	Saturday	South Bend Symphony Pines of Rome		Symphony
2/13/16	Saturday	South Bend Symphony "Wicked Divas"		Symphony
3/4/16	Friday	42nd Street		Broadway
3/5/16	Saturday	42nd Street		Broadway
3/5/16	Saturday	42nd Street		Broadway
3/15/16	Tuesday	South Bend Symphony Star Trek Live (Ultimate Voyage)		Symphony
3/19/16	Saturday	South Bend Symphony Pet Sounds Live a Beach Boys Celebration		Symphony
4/16/16	Saturday	South Bend Symphony Shakespeare at Notre Dame Romeo & Juliet		Symphony
4/26/16	Tuesday	The Book of Mormon		Broadway
4/27/16	Wednesday	The Book of Mormon		Broadway
4/28/16	Thursday	The Book of Mormon		Broadway
4/29/16	Friday	The Book of Mormon		Broadway
4/30/16	Saturday	The Book of Mormon		Broadway
4/30/16	Saturday	The Book of Mormon		Broadway
5/1/16	Sunday	The Book of Mormon		Broadway
5/1/16	Sunday	The Book of Mormon		Broadway
5/7/16	Saturday	Carmina Burana		Symphony
5/12/16	Thursday	Johnny Mathis		R&B Concert
5/17/16	Tuesday	Joe Bonamassa		Blues/Rock

For more information, please contact Morris Performing Arts Center Box Office at 574.235.9190

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St. Patrick's Park.....	288-3472
No. Indiana Center for History.....	235-9664